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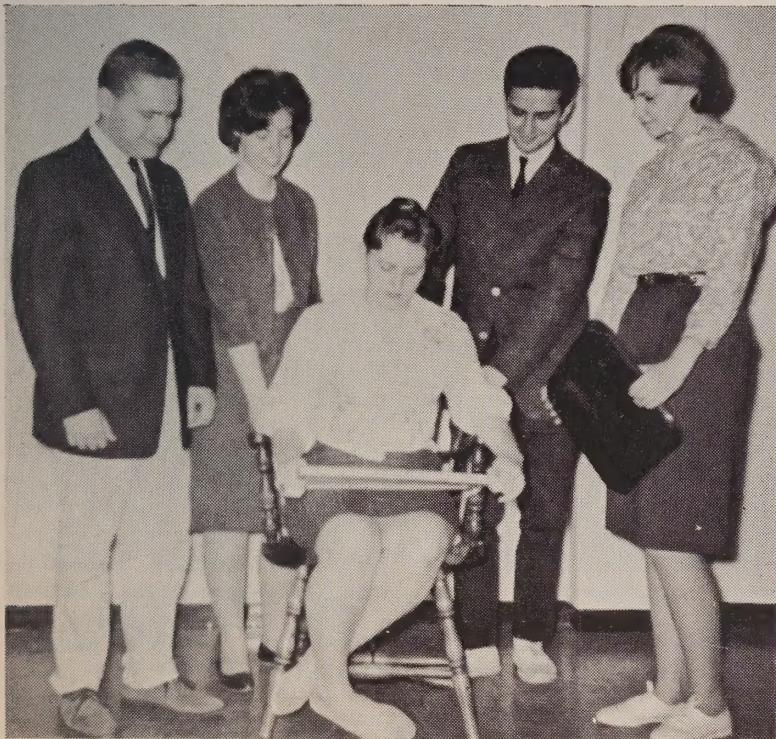
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**REHEARSAL**—Some of the cast from the Dramatic Club's Production, "The Late Christopher Bean," from left to right they are: Pete Brown, Ann Capurso, Pauline McKeon, Robert Bray, and Elaine Wondolowski.

## DRAMATISTS TO PRESENT ANNUAL PLAY THURSDAY

by PAULINE McKEON  
of the Acorn Staff

On Wednesday, May 29th, the W.S.C. Dramatic Club, under the direction of Miss Kathryn R. O'Donnell, will present its annual three-act play, "The Late Christopher Bean," at 8:15 P.M. in the school auditorium.

The setting takes place in a rural New England town in the home of Dr. Haggett (Wifred Dufour). Ten years prior to the conflict of the play, a painter, Christopher Bean, was given refuge by Mrs. Haggett (Pauline McKeon). Before Chris died, he painted many pictures and found his only true friend to be the maid, Abby (Elaine Wondolowski).

During the course of the play, Chris has become famous, and his paintings are worth thousands of dollars. The Haggetts, including their daughter Ada (Ann Capurso) are very greedy and are willing to do anything for money. Another daughter, Susan (Dorothy Forques), wants no part of their greedy scheming. She is only concerned with her coming elopement to the town painter, Warren Creamer (Peter Brown).

### Three Gentlemen Arrive

Three gentlemen from New York come to the Haggett home to get the pictures. The first, Talcant (Robert Braz), is a smooth,

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## Dr. Asa Smallidge Knowles To Speak at Senior Graduation June 10

The many activities and work-filled hours of the past few years will soon be climaxed by the traditional series of ceremonies. On Sunday, June 2, Baccalaureate will be held in the college auditorium. The Senior Banquet will follow on the evening of June 6. The Meadows in Framingham will be the scene of this dinner dance. The next afternoon, June 7, has been set as Class Day. The ceremonies will take place in the college gymnasium to an audience of parents, faculty, friends, and under-classmen. On Saturday, Alumni Day will be held on campus.

All of these activities will lead up to the impressive program of graduation. Degrees will be presented on the evening of June 10, at the Worcester Auditorium. Dr. Asa Smallidge Knowles, president of Northeastern University, will be the guest speaker. The switching of the tassel from the right to the left side will signify the culmination of the four-year preparation for teaching careers.

### Reviewing the Past

September, 1959, to June 1963, is a long time when judged in terms of single days and weeks. When thought of as four brief years, the span seems to lessen and become more unified. As we look back over the past four years, members of the Class of 1963 are mindful of the many ways in which we, and our col-

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**SENIOR CLASS GIFT**—Here the Senior class officers (from left) Kenneth Davis, president; Steve Kokernak, vice-president; and Carolyn Gendron, secretary; watch on as Mr. Joyce demonstrates the use of the new copying machine; the gift of the Senior Class.

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## AS WE SEE IT. . . . .

### Dedication Needed in Officers

The past few weeks at the College have been the center of many elections. The most unique election occurred in the Junior Class. John Chiras, a Student Council member for three years, and in line to be the next president of the Council, declined to run for office. His reason was that he felt that during his Senior year in College he would not have enough time to devote to this high office. He felt that he could not do his best, and therefore would not make a good officer.

Declining to run for an office, when one is almost certain of obtaining it, takes courage and unselfishness. Many times people seek election to an office because they wish to impress others with their importance. This type of person is elected to office, but then he proceeds to sit back and let others do his work for him. It is because of this that mediocrity may become the rule and not the exception with the officers of the different classes and clubs.

An office of any organization has a responsibility to his office, the people who elected him, and most of all to himself. He is looked up to as a leader; someone who sets the example for others to follow. By becoming an officer, one has accepted the position of trust from his classmates, and has taken on the responsibility to devote his time and effort to that office. In order to be a good officer doing a good job, the desire and willingness for self-sacrifice is necessary. Every class club officer is a member of a hardworking team. This team is constantly working to help its class and club become a better organization. There is no room for the "glory-seeker". Every officer must do his job to the best of his ability, and if he does not, he must be replaced by someone who will. Let us hope that the newly-elected officers for the next school year measure up to the high standards set before them by previous officers at the College. Our College is growing each year, and we have a vital need for qualified and dedicated officers. In the past the College has had many devoted officers who have worked hard and long without any recognition. Many of these officers have been replaced by people that claim that they can do a better job. We can only hope that these new officers are as devoted and capable as the people they have replaced.

## A Successful Year for Choir

by PETER SAKALOWSKY, JR.  
of the Acorn Staff

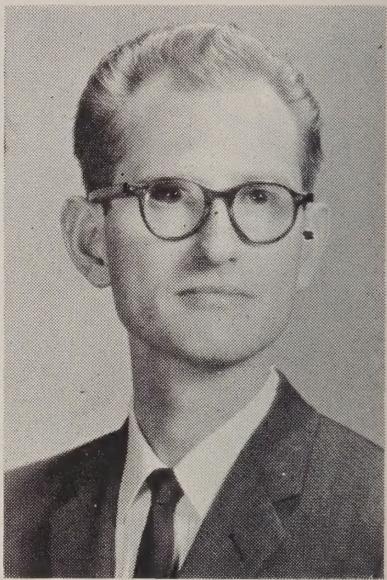
The Worcester State College Choir has enjoyed a successful season this past year, which incidentally, has been its busiest. The choir has performed concerts in Salem, Fitchburg, Westfield, Framingham, Keene, N.H., and several at Worcester. The choir concert programs included a mixed selection of songs, solo numbers, several presentations by two quartets and a choral; and a clever duet performance. All these ingredients added together has provided a gay evening for many audiences.

### Next Year

Let us take a brief look behind the scenes. The ninety voice choir directed by Thomas Carpenter rehearses one hour a week. In this hour new songs must be learned by practice and more practice. Some rehearsals are spent entirely on one song and other times as many as six songs are rehearsed. The constant drill is discouraging but is well rewarded after the completion of a successful performance.

### Climax

Last night's performance was a fitting climax to the college choir



MR. THOMAS CARPENTER

season. The choir particularly enjoyed singing the selection "Bye-Bye Birdie" from the show "Bye-Bye Birdie." The hymn "Praise to the Lord" was presented quite strongly. They also did an especially effective rendition of "Swing Low." The "Square Notes" did several clever and enjoyable numbers. Also the quartet and duet in "By-Bye Birdie" added to the enjoyment of the performance. Fitchburg State College and Keene State Teachers College also gave excellent performances to round out a pleasant evening.

## DATES TO CIRCLE

### MAY

- 24—Finals begin for seniors.
- 29—Dramatics Club presentation in the Auditorium.
- 30—No school, Memorial Day.
- 31—No school.

### JUNE

- 2—Baccalaureate in the College Auditorium.
- 6—Final end—Senior Banquet at the Meadows.
- 7—Class Day Exercises in the College Gymnasium.
- 10—Commencement Exercises at Worcester Memorial Auditorium.

## Teacher Workshop To Be Held

Worcester State College is offering an intensive teacher preparation program for the secondary level. Under the coordination of Mr. Joseph Scannel the Intensive Teacher Preparation Workshop in Secondary Education will be con-

ducted from July 1 to August 9.

The program at Chandler Street Jr. High will consist of observation, demonstration and practice teaching by 30 student teachers. The 5 supervising teachers include Mr. Harold Chapman — Physical Science, Mrs. Elaine Davis — Mathematics, Miss Vera Dowden — Social Studies, Miss Doris Joyce — English and Mr. William Masterson — Biology.

The tuition free program of subject orientation and review is open to approximately 150 city pupils.



**THE WINNING SMILE**—Pretty Regina Houston was named Queen of the Sophomore-Senior Prom. The prom was held at the college gymnasium. (See story below)

## SENIORS BID FAREWELL AT ROMAN RHAPSODY

Saturday, May 4, was the date of the Sophomore-Senior prom, "Roman Rhapsody." Amid columns and Roman statues, a large number of couples danced at the final school prom of the year. The affair was semi-formal.

Near the end of the evening, a sophomore student council representative, Robert Nicoletti, voiced the sentiments of the entire school when he wished the seniors the best of luck and dedicated the song "Till We Meet Again" to the entire senior class.

### Prom Queen

Another focal point of the prom took place when David Moskal, sophomore class president crowned the queen and court. A crown of laurel leaves and tiny flowers was placed on the head of the attractive queen, senior Regina Houston. Her equally attractive court was comprised of seniors, Margaret Toomey and Barbara Celozzi, and sophomores Jane Fray and Barbara Sledjewski.

Popular songs requested time

and time again were, among others: "Tonight, Tonight," Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered," "Climb Every Mountain," and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing." Music was provided by George Gregory, (who also gave a short Bossanova lesson!).

Chaperones were members of the faculty and their escorts. Among faculty members attending, and invited guests, were President and Mrs. Eugene Sullivan, Dean McKelligett, Miss Cosgrove, Mr. Lonergan, Miss Dowden, Mr. Ferland, faculty advisers of the senior and sophomore classes, respectively, Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Masterson, and others.

The decorations and arrangements were beautiful, and the prom was truly a fitting tribute to the soon departing senior class.

## DID YOU EVER . . .

### To All the present Junior Elementaries (and any future ones)

. . . have a little boy tag you and say "Chase me! Chase me! If you want me, you will have to catch me first?"

. . . plan a wonderful, exciting motivating lesson in kindergarten; have a supervisor come, and then as you were making use of the slide in your room, have a little boy come sliding down the slide, and fall off into the arms of an unsuspecting supervisor?

. . . have trouble keeping the children from climbing out the windows?

. . . have a child be considerate enough to come to tell you that he had become "sick" in the bathroom, and then proceed to become "sick" all over you?

. . . forget to put a "little white card" in the supervisor's box tell-

ing them you were going on a trip, come back from the trip to find out that you had a "visitor?"

. . . spend all night making devices, and have the children use them to play "pick a card" games?

. . . substitute in another class where some of the children called you by your first name, and were your buddies?

. . . substitute in a Junior High where you were mistaken for a pupil?

. . . have a supervisor arrive at 9:00 A.M.; a bat arrive through an air vent at 9:02 A.M.; and the supervisor leave, promising to return soon at 9:03 A.M.?

. . . plan to bring some of the children in your class to your speech class on Friday, and have all of them get the chicken pox on Thursday?

**IF YOU HAVE** had these and other similar experiences, then you are an "experienced" student teacher.

## International Relations Club

On May fifteenth, the International Relations Club held their annual banquet at the Paxton Inn. Guests of the club were the library staff, Mr. Joyce and Miss Smith. At this banquet the club members discussed many of the controversial world subjects which affect international relations.

Dick Ethier, president of the I.R.C., presented Mr. Gould, the faculty adviser, with a gift. Dr. Jones, the past faculty adviser, was unable to attend the banquet. He was presented with a gift the following day in appreciation of the work he did with the club.

Due to illness, Dr. Arndt, the German vice-consul was unable to speak as scheduled at the consul. It is anticipated that Dr. Arndt, along with both the British and French consuls will speak next year.



**FINLAND HERE WE COME**—Studying up on Finland are Barbara Martilla (left) and Ruth Longsjo (right) so that their graduation trip to Finland will be more complete. They leave on June 23 for a trip that will take them to London and Paris, as well as Finland.



**A.C.E. CONVENTION**—Having dinner at the Deauville Hotel, Miami Beach Study Conference are **Elizabeth Mahan**, Professor **Madeline Wilmarth**, (standing) **Miss Carol Doyle**, (standing) **Miss Priscilla Hescock**, and **Miss Elizabeth Johnson**. Absent from the picture was **Miss Mary Connelly**. This was the annual A.C.E.I. Study Conference.

## NICOLETTI — NEW SOPHOMORE PRESIDENT

Half of the Sophomore class officers were returned in the May 16th elections. The returned incumbents were **Vice President, Bob Crepeau**, **Treasurer, Harry Schrader**, both Social Chairmen, **Jerry Kidderis** and **Lucille Chestnut** and **Dot D'Allesandro** of the Student Council. Newly elected to their offices are **Bob Nicoletti Jr. to the Presidency**, **Elaine Gogliomelia to the secretariat**, and **to the Student Councilship — Ann Capurso and David Maloney**.

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lege, have changed. We recall that we were the first freshman class to be affected by the doubling of tuition. We saw the first full-time use of the new gymnasium. The new smoker, which everyone now takes for granted, had no furniture when members of our class first used it. We have watched the extension of the parking lot as it was paved around the new building. Carrying books from the old library to the new was rewarded by a day's vacation. And in our Senior year we witnessed the opening of the long-awaited book store.

The elections did not create a great excitement. Perhaps all had predetermined their votes before the nominations. But a quiet undercurrent could be felt rather than heard in the class.

### Sidelight

One interesting note is that Treasurer Harry Schrader was elected without the need of a ballot. Upon nomination a round of applause was heard and nominations closed without a single dissenting vote.

We leave Worcester State College with a feeling of pride in our work and in our school. Our thanks to all who have helped make this possible.

## Dr. Joseph Reardon Honored at Dinner

Dr. Joseph Reardon, Head of the Mathematics Department will be honored at a Faculty Dinner May 28 in recognition of his twenty-fifth anniversary as a professor at the College.

Dean of Women, Miss Margaret McKelliget, who will retire this year, will also be feted.



## BEAT

Well, it's that time of year again—finals . . . Junior Secondaries never thought that the end of May would come . . . And the seniors will be graduating, through the grace of God . . . Congratulations are in order to **Kathy Snay (S-4)** and **Delores Limoges (J.S.-3)** on their recent engagements . . . Quotable Quote: Criticism wouldn't be so hard to take if it weren't so often right . . . College students spending their spring vacation in Bermuda next year will need chaperones! — Forget it!—Back to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . . Junior Secondaries are looking forward to the summer — oh no, more term papers due in September!!!! . . . Congratulations to the soph decoration committee on a beautiful job for the prom . . . Why does a duck have webbed feet? So it can stamp out forest fires . . . Did you know that an elephant is gray so that it can be distinguished from a bluebird? . . . Wishing **Jane Schwartz** a wonderful two months

in France this coming summer . . . Juniors **Al Thibaudeau** and **Jim Watters** will both marry different girls on June 29 . . . The College Choir, which has had a successful season, hopes to make a trip to Vermont next year . . . Nothing is so firmly believed as what we know least . . . We hear that the Junior Class elections were run off so quick that they were over before anyone knew that they had started . . . The **Acorn** will miss senior **Joan Tetrault** next year . . . The freshmen have just about made it — they'll be sophomores in two weeks . . . **Congratulations to the newly elected club officers** . . . Leaving you with this thought: You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you could know how seldom they do.

The nicest people the junior elementarys all agree have been the supervisors . . . **CONGRATULATION DEPT.** — To the college students who have passed the swimming instructors course at Worcester Tech. They are **Carlo Baldino, Margie Rodgers, Judy Carpenter, Denise Bolduc, Mary Creamer, Donna Rossier, and Nancy San Clemente**.

**Margie Rogers**, who loves her history class so much she is known to attend more than one session per day.

Quotable quotes—from President Sullivan — “A secret is that which only one person knows.”

P. P. S.

## Monfredo Again Named Editor

The Acorn newspaper will once again be under the direction of Editor **John Monfredo**. A graduate of Commerce High School in 1960, John has been a member of the Acorn staff for four years. He was named treasurer in his sophomore year and editor in his junior year.

While at Commerce John Monfredo served as class president in his junior and senior years, represented Commerce at Student Government Day in Boston, was sports editor of the school paper, **Mercury**, and headed many committees and clubs as well.

### Baseball Captain

John also played varsity baseball for four years. In 1960 he was named captain of the baseball team, and also received the Most Valuable Player Award in baseball. In the spring and summers of 1961 and 1962 he coached a Ruth League intermediate baseball team, piloting the team to a city championship in his first year

and losing in the semi-finals last year.

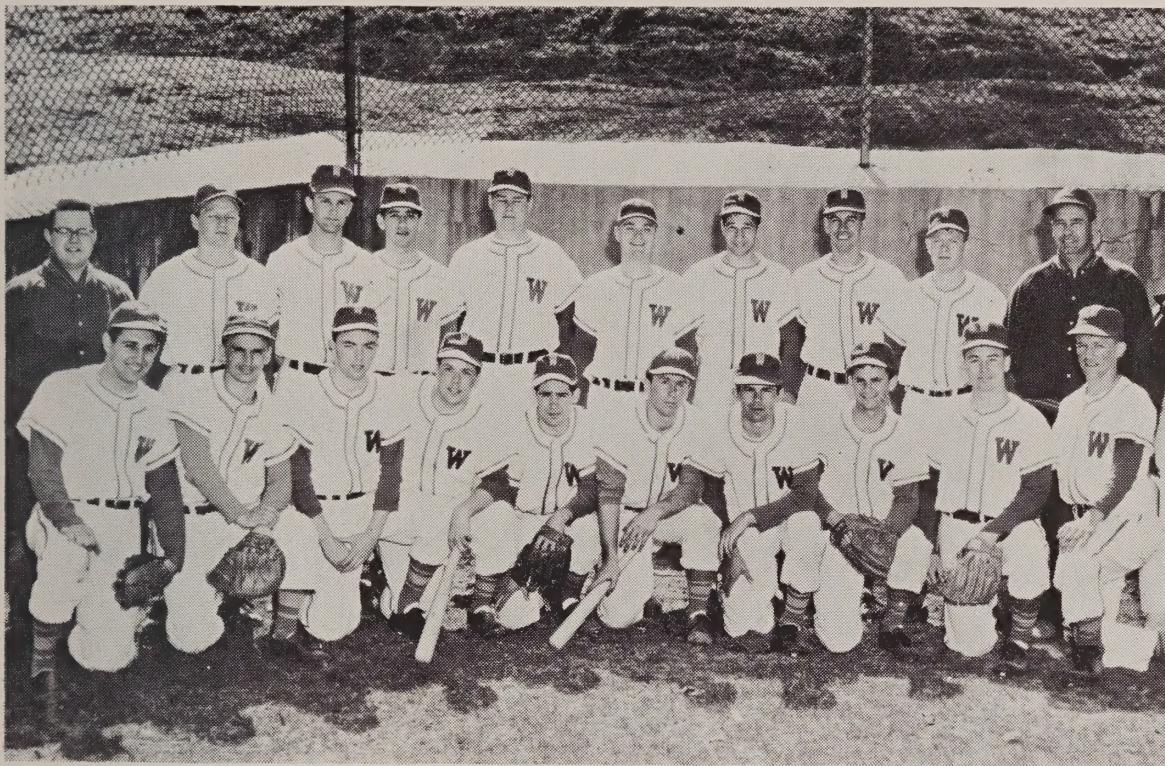
Since coming to Worcester State, he served as vice-president of his class for two years, editor of the **Acorn**, and has been responsible, with the publicity department, for the coverage of the college activities in the local newspaper.

John's plans for the Acorn next year is to continue to make the **Acorn** a stronger independent college newspaper.

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sneaky man who tricks the Haggerts into giving him two of the pictures. Next on the scene is Rosen (Ronald Piccioli) who is a well-known art dealer. He is willing to pay for the pictures, but not at their full price. The last gentleman to appear in the play, Mr. Davenport (Charles Dix), is a famous art critic who has come in complete honesty to do Chris's paintings justice.

Want to know what the surprise ending is? You can see the finish on Wednesday night, May 29th, at 8:15 P.M. See you there!



**END OF SEASON**—The W.J.C. baseball team which will complete its season this week are from left to right: (second row) Dick Nash, Mgr., Richie Coleman, Dick Lamothe, Phil Salerno, Dick Clifford, Dick Joubert, Paul Sundstrom, Justin McGrath, J. P. Mockler (Coach).

1st — Carlo Baldino, Johnny Reno, Bill Johnston, Dick Bernier, Mike Staiti, Fran Joubert (Capt.), Paul Damore, Kevin Lyons, Austin Maloney, George Albro.

## LANCER NINE LOOKS FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

Coach John Mockler's baseball nine, with victory number three cemented recently by a 7-2 count over Boston State, has four games to go at this writing. A few breaks in the contests could bring the Lancers from their present 4-6 won-loss record up over the .500 percentage mark. The team's other two wins came earlier in the season as they swept the Lowell series.

The predominantly underclassman team was impressive in the Boston victory, as it accumulated 11 hits, six of them for extra bases. The defeat avenged an early Boston 4-1 loss.

Soph pitcher Mike Staiti (1-2) hurled all the way, gathering 10 strikeouts and taking advantage of flawless fielding by his teammates.

Kevin Lyons with a double and triple, Staiti with the same, Dick Lamothe, Bob Pahigian and Paul Sundstrom, also with two hits apiece, supplied the power for the victory.

The three games remaining on the schedule are Keene, at home May 20 and away on May 27, Fitchburg, away on May 22, and Rhode Island at home on May 24.

Earlier in the season, the team lost another junior Dick Joubert, brother of Captain Fran, because of illness. Dick played about four games, when he was forced to take the remainder of the season off. The strong hitting right-

fielder is expected to be back in uniform next year. Dick Coleman, a sure-handed glove man, was lost because of injury to his knee the day before the season opened. The freshman also is expected to be back for another try next year.

### Wait Until Next Year

There are seven sophomores on the team. They include batting ace Lyons, Staiti, who also plays second base, George Albro, utility infielder who starts frequently, Dick Clifford, first baseman, Joe Montemurro, pitcher Dave Maloney, an infielder, and Carl Baldino, a pitcher (1-1).

The remainder of the club are all members of the class of '66. Starters include: pitcher Bill Johnston, who was impressive as he struckout 15 Lowell batters in a 15-2 win in his only outing, catcher John Reno, rightfielder Paul Sundstrom, leftfielder Paul Damore, pitcher Dick Bernier (0-2), and third baseman Bob Pahigian. Destined for action next year are subs Phil Salerno, a pitcher (0-0) and outfielder Justin McGrath.

Coach Mockler is justly optimistic for next season. Only upperclassmen on the team are Captain Fran Joubert, a senior who is completing four years of play at first base, and veteran Dick Lamothe, a smooth-fielding junior shortstop. Joubert will miss this season's last two games because of a conflict with finals.

## Sports Notes

### Golf

The Lancer's Golf team, first in the school's history, opened its season recently with a sound six to one victory over Clark University at a match at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton.

At this writing, the team has yet to play Nichols College, scheduled for May 20, and Worcester Tech, set for May 23. Basketball coach Fran Dyson is the team's advisor.

Paving the way for the win was sophomore Marty Forhan who stroked an impressive 79. Others on the team are seniors Bill Hellenius, John Gannon and Ed Lominski, and juniors Bob Nickolletti and Paul Lofgren.

All matches are played at Pleasant Valley.

## W.A.A. AWARDS

On May 7, the W.A.A. held its annual awards banquet. After a speech by Miss Katharine Shea, many girls at W.S.C. were presented their awards for participating in certain areas of the W.A.A.

College banners were given to the volleyball champions—Susan Achorn, Denise Bolduc, Gloria Attomare, Betty Brierly, Kathy Burns, Carol Amour, and Marge Brouillette.

Girls who received their Senior Life Saving Emblems after a year of swimming were: Lois Cronholm, Carol Fouracre, Denise Bolduc, Barbara Lyons. (Absent: Helen Donahue, Ann Fitzgerald, Jane Mahoney.)

### Awards

Plaques were given to the girls for the top bowling averages. These girls and their averages were: Loralee Gagner (94), Fran Galvin (90), Denise Bolduc (87), Nancy Johnson (87), Judy Zinkus (80), Kathy Burns (84), Gloria Attomare (84), Peg Du Varney (84).

The most important awards are always left until last. Here the W.A.A. presented three girls with \$100 scholarships—Kathleen Haven, Kathy Burns, Nancy Walker.

And lastly, "The Women of the Year" was presented to Denise Bolduc and Rosanne Sullivan for this award.

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